



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
August 17th, 2015

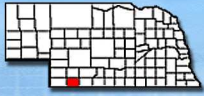
A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, the 17th day of August, 2015 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member McDonald moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of August 17th, 2015 agenda; 2. Approval of the August 3rd, 2015 meeting minutes. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$40,377.82
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 1,328.38
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 212.48
AS Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 246.60
Marlene Bedore, mileage -----	\$ 93.15
BC & BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,183.70
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$18,952.36
C&K Dist., supply -----	\$ 64.90
Clerk Dist. Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 107.00
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 352.76
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$13,107.00
Community Hospital, blood tests -----	\$ 444.00
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 207.63
Cornhusker State Industries, supply -----	\$ 227.00
CVSOAN, registration -----	\$ 75.00
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 49.00
Farmers Coop, fuel/repair -----	\$ 1,747.92
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 172.56
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 225.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 319.00
Todd Hovey, blood draws -----	\$ 750.00
Martha Keller, mileage -----	\$ 24.15
Law Office of Tana Fye, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,269.16
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 86.26



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Mailfinance, mail machine lease -----	\$ 225.00
McCook Daily Gazette, publication -----	\$ 18.41
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 243.23
Messersmith Water Treatment, supply -----	\$ 20.90
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 157.50
Midwest Mailing Solutions, annual postage meter fee -----	\$ 50.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,913.48
NE Co. Court Assn., dues -----	\$ 25.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,627.35
Nebraska.gov., transcripts -----	\$ 11.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Henry C. Nipper, consulting/expert witness -----	\$ 825.00
Phelps Co. Court, transcript -----	\$ 2.25
Prairie States Comm., repair/security system -----	\$ 3,400.75
Protex Central, repair/service -----	\$ 54.00
R&W Repair, repair -----	\$ 371.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 6,894.67
Samway Floor Covering & Furniture, repair -----	\$ 32.18
Schmick's Market, supply -----	\$ 1,320.25
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 830.42
SW Medical Center, laboratory fees/investigation -----	\$ 538.50
Stratton Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 1.29
Total Turf, grounds repair -----	\$ 153.60
Trails West Texaco, supply -----	\$ 20.66
U of NE, registration -----	\$ 70.00
US Bank, AVG antivirus subscriptions -----	\$ 119.98
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 2,722.10
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 84.45

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 7,297.52
Ace Irrigation, headwalls -----	\$ 2,643.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 571.86
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 68.32
BC & BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 217.42
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,860.96
C&K Dist., repair/supply -----	\$ 87.27
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,116.04
Phillip Dixon, supt. contract/bridge inspections -----	\$ 3,275.00
Don Hagan & Sons, repair -----	\$ 116.30
Englot LLC, repair -----	\$ 1,900.00
Farmers Coop, repair/fuel -----	\$ 347.37
League Builders Supply, supply -----	\$ 8.47
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 17.89
Mentzer Oil Co., fuel -----	\$ 3,263.60
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 37.50
Moorhous, Inc., repair -----	\$ 7.28
N Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 225.14



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NE Machinery Co., repair/blades -----	\$ 3,739.03
NE Truck Center, repair -----	\$ 810.06
Oak Creek Engineering, engineering -----	\$ 1,263.75
Plains Equipment Group, repair -----	\$ 30.38
R&W Repair, repair/fuel -----	\$ 150.92
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,171.77
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel -----	\$ 9,103.50
Schamel's Auto Supply, repair -----	\$ 8.18
Southwest Fertilizer, chemicals -----	\$ 49.00
Stratton Auto Parts, supply -----	\$ 18.58
T&J Repair, repair -----	\$ 32.00
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 32.72
Village of Trenton, same -----	\$ 119.35

Member Wertz moved to approve the claim of Scott's Sinclair in the amount of \$8.00 in the General Fund and \$139.35 in the Road Fund, for fuel. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz and Nichols. Member McDonald abstained. Motion carried.

The following patrons were present and spoke under "Public Comment":

- Ted Rippen inquired as to board policies relating to time limits on protest hearings (the amount of time each protestant is allowed to speak), whether or not the board had a "Targeting Policy", if Chair McDonald supported or was behind Assessor Bedore 100% and the location of TERC appeal hearings.
- Shane Rippen inquired as to how many protests were filed in 2014 and 2015, if valuations were based on allegiances, and if Chair McDonald was accusing the Assessor of targeting.
- Ed Geier requested that a ditch be cleaned out and a culvert placed near his property.
- Francis Friehe expressed concerns relating to board action on the valuation protest of (Richard) Hampton, the conduct of protest hearings and prior years' assessed valuations.

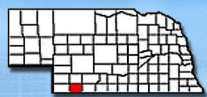
Chair McDonald fielded the majority of the public comment questions and the same were duly noted. During public comment, Attorney Garner joined the meeting and advised as to various inquiries.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon joined the meeting and discussion was held on three informal quotes received from Midwest Service, Husker Steel and Acre Irrigation for replacement of bridge structure C004402605 over Muddy Creek. It was determined by the board that this project would need to be officially bid.

The board was in receipt of a stop sign traffic study at the intersection of Roads 719 and 358 prepared by Highway Superintendent Dixon. Attorney Garner advised as to the requirements of performing a traffic study under the supervision of an engineer. Discussion was held on conducting a traffic count at this location. Board directed Superintendent Dixon to proceed with a traffic study at the intersection of Roads 719 and 358. Various other road and bridge projects were discussed.

No action taken on Resolution #15-11 relating to permanent placement of stop signs at the intersection of Road 719 and Road 358 in Township 3, Range 34 at this time.

Stan Schrader with Schrader Construction met with the board regarding bathroom renovations. Discussion on ADA requirements. Attorney Garner advised as to bidding statutes. It was the consensus of the board to rebid this project. Building Maintenance Manager Karen Wertz also discussed the project with the board.



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Rick Willis Community Liaison with Congressman Adrian Smith's Office met with the board and offered a "Washington Update". Discussion was held relating to maintenance and repair of State Rec. Road 44B commonly known as Swanson Dam Road, the WOTUS (Waters of the United States) Act and its' effect on road and bridge projects in the County. Mr. Willis advised as to Congressman Smith's position and work on WOTUS, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory mandates and Critical Access Hospitals.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #15-12 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion, and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION 15-12

WHEREAS, The Interlocal Cooperation Act of the State of Nebraska (NEB.REV.STAT. §13-801 et. seq. and all amendments thereto) enables separate political subdivisions of Nebraska to cooperate on the basis of mutual advantage to provide for joint undertakings, services and facilities.

WHEREAS, Hitchcock County, Nebraska believes it is in the best interest of its citizens to join with other Nebraska Public Agencies participating in the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network is established by Public Agencies for the benefit of Nebraska citizens and allows information to be shared among emergency and communications centers on a real time, on demand, basis to help mitigate an emergency that threatens any location.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners hereby:

1. Approves the document entitled "Interlocal Agreement For Cooperative Development and Use of the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network" hereafter referred to as "Agreement"; and
2. Enters into the Agreement for the formation and participation in the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network for the period August 17th, 2015 through December 31, 2025; and
3. The Chair of the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Public Agency following passage and approval of this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of August, 2015.

Attest:

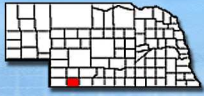
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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Scott McDonald, Chair

Voting for the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols

Voting against the motion: None



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Abstaining: None

Absent: None

The following inventory was acknowledged by the board: County Attorney

A preliminary Road Fund budget was prepared.

Discussion was held on recording meetings. All members were in favor of recording protest hearings. Attorney Garner advised as “reasonable rules” under public meeting statutes.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, August 24th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Scott McDonald, Chair
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